

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SNAR  
SUBJ: NARCOTICS CONVENTION CLARIFICATION

REF: 77 STATE 258264

1. IN THREE SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS MINEXTAFF PERMSEC  
RUSSELL HAS TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT MINISTER  
ADDERLEY IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY SKEPTICAL CONCERNING  
THE LEGALITY OF THE GCOB'S GRANTING PERMISSION FOR USG  
VESSELS TO BOARD, SEARCH, AND SEIZE THIRD-COUNTRY  
VESSELS SUSPECTED OF CARRYING CONTRABAND WITHIN BAHAMIAN  
TERRITORIAL WATERS. RUSSELL STATES THAT MINISTER'S  
MISGIVINGS CONTINUED DESPITE DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED  
MINISTRY AS PER REFTTEL.

2. RUSSELL EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT MINISTER MIGHT ONE DAY  
REFUSE PERMISSION (BY NOT RESPONDING TO REQUEST)  
AND STATED THAT HE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF USG COULD  
PROVIDE MORE DEFINITIVE DOCUMENTATION OF LEGALITY  
OF SUCH ACTION UNDER EXISTING TREATIES. IF WE  
COULD NOT DO SO, RUSSELL SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT  
BE NECESSARY TO NEGOTIATE A "BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT" TO  
ALLOW THE CONTINUANCE OF SUCH ACTIVITIES.

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3. CAN "L" PROVIDE A BRIEF SUPPORTING OUR INTERPRETATION  
OF TREATIES AND, IF NOT, WHAT ARE DEPT'S VIEWS  
ON THE NEGOTIATION OF A BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT?  
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